

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 8, 12 to 14, 17, 18, 20, 24 to 32, 34, 36, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 47 are still pending with this application. Claims 5, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32 have been amended, and claim 26 has been cancelled from the application. No new matter has been added with the amendments submitted herewith.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, this claim was rejected as containing claimed compositional ranges that are superfluous. Applicants have amended the claim to remove the superfluous language, thereby obviating this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 25, 26, 28, 31 and 36 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-275605. Specifically, the Examiner cited to alloy composition No. 45 as listed on page 8 of that publication. Although the cited alloy only overlaps at the extreme low and high ranges of Applicants' alloy, to speed prosecution of the application Applicants have amended the rejected claims to recite preferred ranges of the alloy composition that are not overlapped by the alloy cited in the prior art reference, thereby obviating this rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner also rejected claims 34, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-275605. Applicants traverse the rejection for the reasons cited above. Specifically, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-275605 never teaches Pt-based bulk solidifying amorphous alloys having the compositional ranges set forth in claims 25, 26, 28, 31 or 36 upon which claims 34, 39, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 47 all depend. Accordingly, Applicants submit

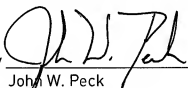
that the cited claims cannot be rendered obvious by Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-275605.

Conclusion

If any questions remain regarding the restriction requirement of the application, Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would advise the undersigned by telephone. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-4407. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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